

*Atty Docket: IDF 1239A (4000-04901)**Patent***REMARKS/ARGUMENTS*****Status of Claims***

Claims 21-33 are canceled.

Claim 34 is new.

Claims 1-20 and 34 are currently pending in this application.

Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the presently claimed application.

Double Patenting

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 21-33 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of *Way* (U.S. Patent 6,343,079). Claims 21-33 were canceled in the preliminary amendment filed November 30, 2001. In addition, the Applicants submit the attached Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the double patenting rejection for claim 1.

Claim Rejections – § 102 and § 103

Claims 1-9, 11, 12, 14-18, and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Pfeffer* (U.S. Patent 6,128,293). Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Pfeffer* in view of *Bender* (U.S. Published Patent Application 2003/0145119). Claims 13, 14, and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Pfeffer* in view of *Riemann* (U.S. Published Patent Application 2005/0174990). Claims 2-20 and 34 depend on claim 1, thus claims 1-20 and 34 stand or fall on the application of *Pfeffer* to claim 1.

The Applicants respectfully submit that *Pfeffer* does not establish a *prima facie* case of anticipation or obviousness as to the pending claims. According to MPEP § 2131, “[a] claim is

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anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” Likewise, MPEP § 2142 requires that “the prior art reference must teach or suggest all the claim limitations” in order to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness. The Applicants respectfully submit that *Pfeffer* does not teach or suggest each and every limitation set forth in the pending claims, and therefore does not anticipate or make obvious the pending claims.

Pfeffer fails to teach or suggest that the autonomous multi services card is part of a single computer, as recited in amended claim 1. *Pfeffer* teaches a services access unit that is a stand alone unit that connects to a personal computer. *Pfeffer*'s figure 2 clearly illustrates this point as his services access unit 12 is shown as its own unit and is connected to a separate personal computer 26 via path P4. *See also Pfeffer*, col. 3, lines 45-67. The separate boxes for the services access unit and the personal computer teach that the services access unit is a separate component from the personal computer. In contrast, claim 1 specifically recites the limitation that the autonomous multi services card is part of a single computer. More specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include a central processor, a memory electrically coupled to the central processor, and a bus interface electrically coupled to the central processor, the bus interface comprising a slot, wherein the autonomous multi-services card is at least partially inserted into the slot and operates without control input from the central processor. New claim 34 further defines the bus interface as either a PCI slot or a SCSI slot. Because *Pfeffer* fails to teach or suggest that the autonomous multi-services card is part of a single computer, *Pfeffer* fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of amended claim 1 and, consequently, does not anticipate or make obvious claim 1.

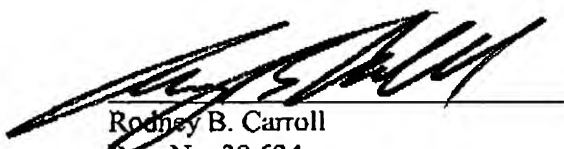
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Consideration of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application, and withdrawal of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested by Applicant. No new matter is introduced by way of the amendment. It is believed that each ground of rejection raised in the Office Action dated January 10, 2006 has been fully addressed. If any fee is due as a result of the filing of this paper, please appropriately charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 21-0765, Sprint. If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefore.

If a telephone conference would facilitate the resolution of any issue or expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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